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GUADALUPE GARDENER

A monthly publication of the Guadalupe County Master Gardeners in cooperation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Guadalupe County

What's the Buzzzzzzz……..



*The Guadalupe County Fair
*GCMG food theme is "Halloween Fun!"
*Plant Sales
*The Fall Gardening Class has been canceled
*Please visit the GCMG website to see the Seed Exchange!

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UPCOMING PLANT SALES

10/3	Kingsbury Fall Festival - Noon-6pm
10/8 - 11	Guadalupe County Fair - Fairgrounds/Coliseum
10/24	Pecan Fest - Town Square and BRB
12/6	Yule Fest - Seguin Coliseum

Online plant sale: https://gcmgtx.org/plantsale/index.html

NPSOT MEETING

Tuesday, Oct 13 @ 6:30 pm

Howard Nemerov of the Bastrop chapter of NPSOT and a Bastrop County Master Gardener will be presenting "Tropical Milkweed: Threat to Monarch Health & Migration"

St. John Lutheran Church, 600 South Center Street (FM 465), Marion, Texas

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all,

Summer is done! Well maybe… Fall, supposedly, was on September 22, but it still feels like summer. Gardening in Texas is challenging but hopefully, with temperatures slowly coming down, the tomatoes will set again, lettuce and other cold weather crop transplants will cope (with shade cloth & drip irrigation), and soon we'll be able to work in our gardens without being soaked in sweat the minute we walk outside.

Mulch is the key right now and very important. Watch pests daily to head off problems such as cabbage loopers, flea beetles, cutworms, and aphids. And be aware that as the nights cool, daytime temperatures can still rise to leaf scorching highs. Shade cloth will help your winter crops make it through these last hot days but keep that frost cloth handy! A blue norther can put an end to your emerging plants with cold nights and strong winds. Welcome to Texas!

We've got a ton of GCMG events this month. Be sure to sign up for one of the GCMG's booths at the County Fair (indoors in the AC!), and the rest of the fall plant sales. If you need volunteer hours before the end of the year, now is your chance. The holiday season will soon be upon us; you'll want to have all your hours in and be worry free. Please contact Kathy Carroll, our Volunteer Director, to find the right fit to earn your required volunteer hours. And remember your continuing education hours! We have tons of upcoming lectures and videos of lectures to partake in. You're sure to find subjects to tweak your interest!

Stay cool everyone! Stay hydrated! And always keep gardening, it keeps you young.
At your service.

April Rippel
(830) 433-2218
2026 GCMG President

--"But always, to her, red and green cabbages were to be jade and burgundy, chrysoprase and porphyry. Life has no weapons against a woman like that."— Edna Ferber, So Big

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Gardener Spotlight: Welta Burris



One of our longtime GCMG gardeners, Welta Burris, is putting down new roots and heading east to enjoy the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains! Welta has been a valued part of the Guadalupe County Master Gardener family since her certification in 2003, when she and her husband, Harold, moved to the area from Hollywood Park.

Over the years, Welta has helped our organization grow in so many ways. She served as Secretary twice, acted as a mentor, guided tours at the Big Red Barn, contributed to several social committees, and regularly assisted with the upkeep of the Big Red Barn. She is a true green thumb—whatever Welta planted, it grew! She has planted herself firmly in our GCMG family, and her presence will certainly be missed. Though she admits the Texas heat is one thing she won't miss, she will deeply miss all the friends she has made here.



We wish Welta a fond farewell. May her new garden and adventure be filled with beautiful views, good friends, and plenty of time to stop and smell the roses.

GCMG Gets Ready to Wrangle Some Pumpkins! By: Angela Chason

October is fast approaching, and that means it's almost time for the Guadalupe County Fair and PRCA Rodeo—and GCMG is getting ready for a pumpkin-decorating hee-haw of a good time! Pam Younger and her team have been working hard all summer to get everything for the GCMG-sponsored contest. Categories include Originality, Creativity, Pumpkin-ality, and Technicality, with age groups for 4–6, 7–9, 10–12, Adults, and Seniors. Awards include Best of Show, Tri-Color winners in each category, and 1st–4th places in every age group, with prizes including cash, passes, gift cards, gift bags, and gift baskets.

With all the pumpkin-wrangling going into making this contest a rootin', tootin', spooktacular good time, the team took a little time out while planning poolside at July's home. Pam and her crew are ready to represent GCMG and make this year's contest one pumpkin-powered highlight of the fair. Now the only question is: Will the Great Pumpkin make an appearance? *We'll have to wait and see!*



Pictured Left to Right: Pam, Melinda, Karen, and Rachel. In the pool, July and Lisa. (Not a full list or who is taking the picture.)

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Paul Prince, Master Gardener of the Month August 2026 Pictured with April Rippel and Pam Younger



Best Dressed Texas A&M Outfit Contestants Don Albright, Clayton Phelps, Pam Younger and Pam Malone
Winner: Don Albright!



Beth Henry being presented Master Gardener of the Season by Kay McElveen

Always Something Growing at the Big Red Barn! By Angela Chason



There's always something happening at the Big Red Barn—**prepping, planting, harvesting, and having fun doing it!**

The summer heat has certainly tested our heritage and butterfly gardens, our produce crops, and our volunteers. But the work continues, and so does the harvest!



Now the garden crew has prepared for the fall school tours, welcoming approximately **200 fourth-graders each day** from September 17 through October 9. Janice and Beth have been busy getting the garden and scavenger hunt stations ready, while our volunteers will help make the students' visits both fun and educational.



And the harvest keeps giving! **Kay has delivered more than 1,800 pounds of garden-grown produce to our community so far via the Christian Cupboard.** That's a lot of vegetables—and a lot of volunteer hours behind every pound!

Want to get your hands dirty and join the fun? Volunteers are needed for **school tours, planting, and harvesting.** Contact **Janice Knobles, POC**, to get involved.

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BUG JUICE: AN ENTOMOLOGY TIDBIT

BY: KAREN KOEPP

MEET THE MEXICAN HONEY WASP



If you spot a small black-and-yellow wasp visiting your trees or shrubs in South Central Texas, don't be too quick to reach for the insecticide—it may be the fascinating Mexican honey wasp (*Brachygastra mellifica*). This social wasp is one of the few wasps in the world that actually produces and stores honey in its paper nest! Found throughout Texas and south into Mexico and Central America, it feeds on nectar and honeydew while its developing young are fed insects. For gardeners, that makes it a valuable ally: Mexican honey wasps prey on a variety of soft-bodied insects, including Asian citrus psyllids, an important citrus pest, and they also visit flowers and contribute to pollination.

Their large, papery nests can sometimes reach the size of a basketball or larger and are often tucked high in trees. And here's the really unusual part—the honey produced by these wasps is traditionally harvested and eaten as a delicacy in parts of Mexico. So the next time you encounter a Mexican honey wasp in the garden, take a moment to appreciate it. This isn't simply another wasp buzzing around your plants; it's a predator, pollinator, honey producer, and fascinating member of our South Texas garden ecosystem.

WHAT'S THAT BUG

BY: MELINDA LUCAS

DRAIN FLIES

The drain fly (*Clogmia albipunctata*), also known as the **bathroom fly**, is a true fly often mistaken for a moth, and frequently becomes a household nuisance by breeding in the stagnant water and organic sludge of infrequently used drains. While these weak-flying, short-lived insects are not unsanitary and they do not bite, sting, harm plants, or contaminate human food—their presence signals an accumulation of moist organic material or plumbing issues. In natural ecosystems, however, they serve a beneficial role by feeding on decaying organic matter to help purify water and acting as a vital food source for various insectivores. They also pollinate flowers and can live off of nectar and water until food is available. The next time you see one in your bathroom you may want to get a closer look at it before you decide to squish it.

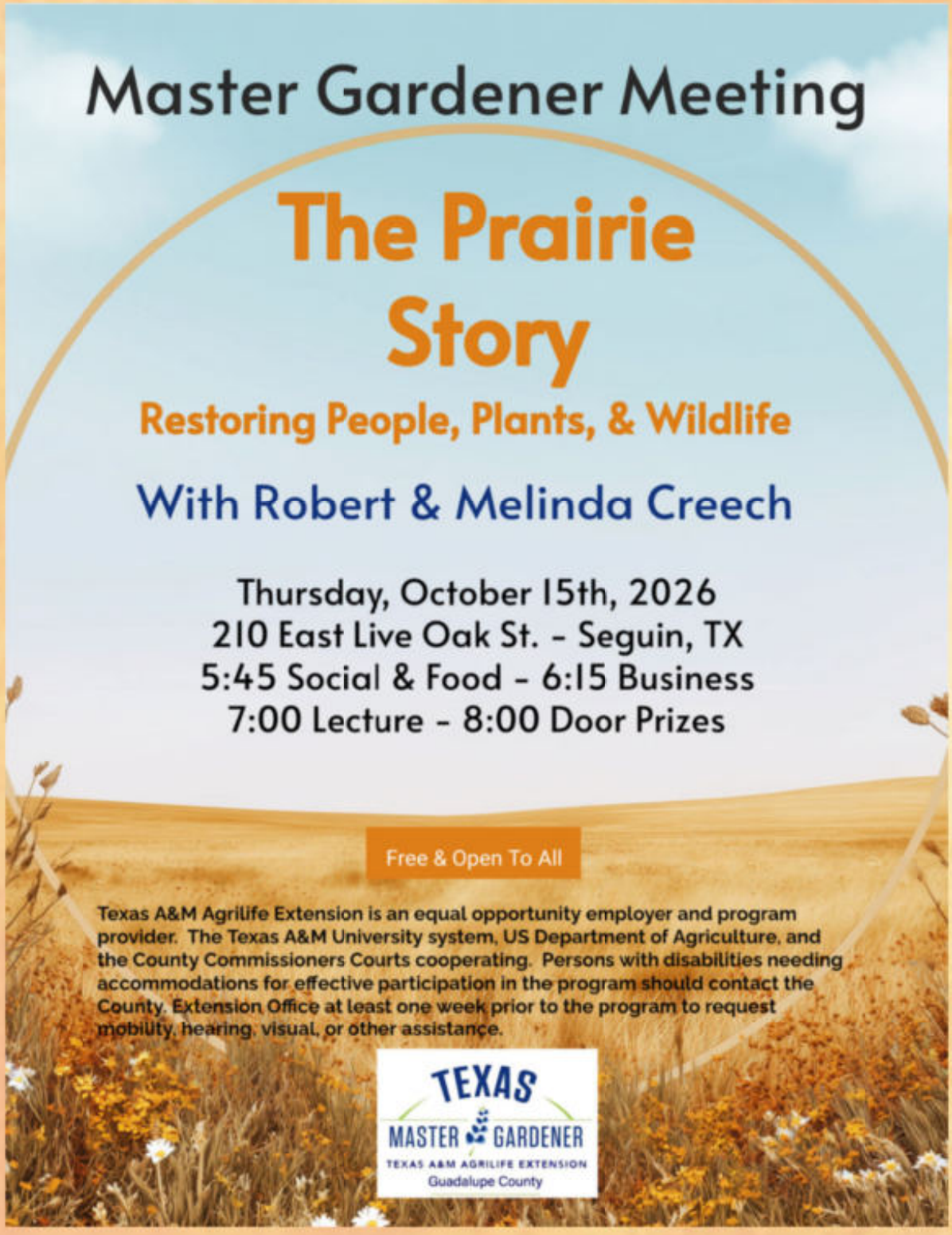


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MEMBERSHIP MEETING



ASK THE MASTER GARDENERS

Clara Mae Marcotte is a Texas Master Gardener with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. If you have a question to be answered, call the Master Gardeners at 830-379-1972 or leave a message to be answered. The website is guadalupecountymastergardeners.org. The Master Gardener research library is open Wednesdays from 2 to 4, at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin.

Q: I am really tired of my vincas (periwinkles) and am ready for fall annuals. When can I plant and what annuals do well in the fall?
A: You can plant those annuals now if you can find them in the nursery. Cool season annuals include alyssum, calendula, dianthus, Johnny-jump-up, pansy, snapdragon, stock, sweet pea, and flowering kale and cabbage. These will bloom now and, even if we have a freeze, should come back and bloom in the spring. The only time in the past that I've had to replant the library planters with new snapdragons is the year we had snowmageddon.

Q: What is that tall grass that is blooming in the ditches alongside Stockdale Highway right now?
A: That is the giant reed or Arundo donax. This invasive grass grows up to 20 feet in height and flowers from August to September. The Texas State University System website, tsusinvasives.org, considers the plant an ecological threat because it out competes native vegetation by absorbing available water sources. The plant (native to India) was probably introduced in the United States in the 1800s because it has practical uses, such as the making of woodwind instruments. It also can be used in basket making and fishing rods.

The plant is very hard to eradicate. The website suggests that the best method is to wait until October when the plant has finished flowering, then burn it, and then apply a herbicide treatment.

Q: What is your favorite ornamental grass? I want one that is "friendly" and not too tall.
A: Of the many grasses listed in Doug Welsh's *Texas Garden Almanac*, my favorite is *Muhlenbergia capillaris* or Gulf Muhly. This is a short grass that grows from one to two feet tall and blooms in the fall with pink, fuzzy seed heads. Wildflower.org says this native perennial uses low water and likes sandy soils, as well as clayey and rocky soils. It has high deer resistance. When you drive around Seguin in October and November, you will see many examples of Gulf Muhly (such as East Mountain Street near downtown). The plant is absolutely gorgeous with the light shining through it.

Q: When do I put out my fall fertilizer?
A: Welsh suggests waiting until your warm-season lawn stops growing (in other words, when you have not had to mow for two weeks).

FYI: Our fall in Seguin has its own beauty including the color of the bald cypress, the cedar elm, the sycamore, and the red oak. We have the berries on the American beautyberry, the possumhaw, and the yaupon. And if you remember to look and not touch, the poison ivy plant also turns a lovely red.



GCMG FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

by Kat Adams

We added 42 new members. They want to learn about sustainable gardens, watering gardens, and how to maintain gardens in heat. Welcome all.

Our top contributors were Cody Foreman, Leticia Castillo, and Frank Rippel.
Thank you all for posting.

What To Plant and Grow In October
Fava Beans, Artichoke, Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Collards, Corn, Garlic, Greens (Cool Season), Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Mustard, Onions (Bulb), Green Onions, English Peas, Radish, Spinach, Swiss Chard, and Turnips.

Since it is 'Spooky' month and with a nod to *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS* and Audrey with her 'FEED ME'; we are going to learn about carnivorous plants.

Carnivorous plants grow in waterlogged areas with sun; their soil is acidic bogs. The plants take in some or most of their nutrients from trapping and consuming animals or insects (protozoans), and sometimes birds or small mammals.

They grow on all continents except Antarctica.

Carnivorous plants have five trapping mechanisms:

1. **Snap Traps use rapid leaf movements.**
   Examples: Venus Flytrap and Waterwheel Plant
2. **Lobster Pot Traps (Eel Traps) have inward pointing hairs that force prey to move towards the digestive organ.**
   Example: Corkscrew Plant
3. **Bladder Traps take in prey with a bladder that generates an internal vacuum (sucking)**
   Example: Bladderworts
4. **Pitfall Traps take prey in a rolled leaf that contains a pool of digestive enzymes or bacteria.**
   Example: Pitcher Plant
5. **Flypaper Traps have a sticky mucilage**
   Example: Butterworts and Sundews

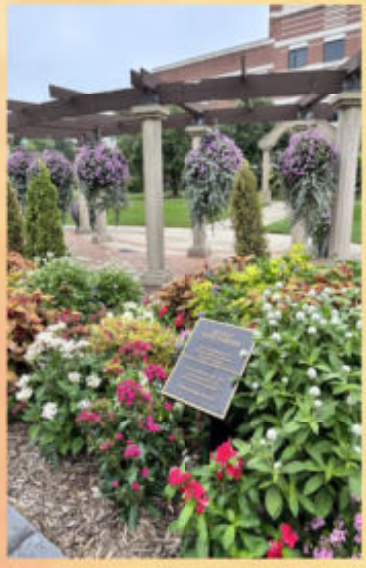
Thank you to all who contribute and post.
Please continue to post photos of your gardens, garden hacks and garden questions.
We Learn From Each Other.
Enjoy your gardens.

THE WANDERING GARDENERS

W K KELLOGG RESEARCH FARM

HTTPS://WWW.KBS.MSU.EDU/VISIT/

BY C M HUEBINGER



I've gone on another AgriLife Extension agriculture trip, this time to Michigan. We saw so many beautiful gardens, fields and greenery everywhere.

W K Kellogg Research Farm (part of MSU, Michigan State Univ). We were shown a small portion of the 1,400 acres of managed crops for improving soil quality and reducing nutrient loss. They were testing the reestablishment of native prairie.



We spent an afternoon at the MSU campus touring the Horticulture Department's research, greenhouse center and gardens.

We were let loose in the Horticulture Gardens guided by a 20 yearr Master Gardener named Carrie. There are 14 acres of annual, perennial, children's, sunken and landscape gardens etc. The Landscape Arboretum was a delight for the eyes.







MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners Membership Director's Monthly Report
Month Ending **31 August 2026** Prepared by David Koepp, Membership Director

Executive Summary:

1. Congratulations to our **Master Gardener of the Month** **August** winner **Paul Prince!**
2. Congratulations to our **Master Gardener of the Season** winner **Beth Henry!**
3. **Only three months left in 2026 to get your hours in!** Don't push off your hours until the very end of the year! There's lots of opportunities both indoors and out that can be worked on!
   - You can find the **Approved Projects** list and the **Supplemental Vol & CE opportunities** list on our homepage or on **VMS** under the **General Information > Docs/Newsletters > Other** Category.

Reminder: **2026 Recertification Requirements** are **20** hours Volunteer & **10** hours Continuing Education.

December 2025	Intern (37) 8/29	Certified (127)	Leave of Absence (11)	Inactive (18)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (9)	Retired (2)	Realigning (1)	Archived (5)
January 2026	Intern (40) 8/32	Certified (130)	Leave of Absence (11)	Inactive (18)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (0)	Retired (0)	Realigning (1)	Archived (0)
February 2026	Intern (42) 8/31/3	Certified (131)	Leave of Absence (9)	Inactive (15)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (0)	Retired (1)	Realigning (1)	Archived (1)
March 2026	Intern (44) 8/31/5	Certified (132)	Leave of Absence (8)	Inactive (13)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (1)	Retired (1)	Realigning (1)	Archived (2)
April 2026	Intern (44) 8/31/5	Certified (134)	Leave of Absence (7)	Inactive (12)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (0)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)	Archived (0)
May 2026	Intern (44) 5/31/8	Certified (137)	Leave of Absence (7)	Inactive (1)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (11)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)	Archived (11)
June 2026	Intern (12) 0/4/8	Certified (161)	Leave of Absence (8)	Inactive (2)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (6)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)	Archived (6)
July 2026	Intern (18) 0/4/14	Certified (160)	Leave of Absence (9)	Inactive (2)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (0)	Retired (0)	Realigning (0)	Archived (0)

Roster Totals for August 2026	Prior/Current/Next Year									
	Interns (19) 0/4/15	Certified (159)	Leave of Absence (7)	Inactive (4)	Faculty/Staff (4)	Emeritus(a) (3)	Released (1)	Retired (1)	Realigning (0)	Archived (1)

Month	# Members Reporting	Mbrs w/ 5+ Hours	Vol Hours	CE Hours	Contacts	Pounds Produce	Mileage
January	74 or 57%	41	1,293.10	131.75	34	664	6,393.30
February	82 or 63%	64	2,145.40	205.75	541	354	8,599.95
March	79 or 60%	50	2,275.75	284.75	232	127	10,013.30
April	79 or 49%	51	2,466.00	204.55	924	312	11,248.50
May	69 or 43%	45	1,470.25	114.75	47	1,196	6,742.00
June	70 or 43%	42	1,140.60	67.25	90	1,284	4,624.00
July	78 or 48%	41	1,211.15	110.45	28	552	5020.00
August	75 or 47%	59	1,282.90	127.05	137	215	6302.30
September							
October							
November							
December							
Peak 2026 (So Far)	82 or 63%	64	2,466.00	284.75	924	1,284	11,248.50
Avg 2026 (So Far)	78 or 60%	50	1,659.00	156.00	255	588	7,368.00
Totals 2026	82 or 63% Peak	n/a	13,265.15	1,246.30	2,033	4,704	58,945.35
2025	127	n/a	17,483.37	2,381.90	4,171	10,186	70,087.17
2024	158	n/a	14,959.25	1,712.00	2,539	9,362	60,378.50
2023	165	n/a	14,790.50	1,738.15	1,664	5,593	55,688.70
2022	146	n/a	11,786.80	1,646.25	3,261	-	44,919.64

Certified Members in August with 5+ hours (*Voting Board Members not eligible)

1. ADAMS, MABEL "KATHY"	18. GOMEZ, JERRI	35. ODVODY, DEANNA "ANN"
2. ALTHAUSER, MARZELLUS "MARCEL"	19. HARD, ROSE "DIANA"	36. OTTENAD, ANNE
3. ANCELET, LISA	20. HARMON, DOMINIQUE	37. PADGETT, ANNETTE
4. BOLLINGER, MARK "BO"	21. HENRY, BETH	38. PHELPS, CLAYTON
5. BRKICH, KAREN	22. HIGA, VICTORIA "VICKI"	39. POWADA, CAYE
6. BURTON, RODNEY	23. JOHNSON, KATHLEEN "KATHY"	40. PRINCE, PAUL
7. CARRELL, KAREN	24. KNEUPPER, VIRGINIA "RUTHIE"	41. RODRIGUEZ, ELLENIA "ELLENA"
8. CARTER, MARTHA "MARTY"	25. KNOBLES, JANICE	42. SCHULTZE, PATRICIA "PAT"
9. CHASON, ANGELA	26. LEACOCK, SUZANNE	43. STEELE, TIMOTHY "TIM"
10. COLLIER, COLLEEN	27. LUCAS, MELINDA	44. STYBLO, MARY
11. COVER, KAY	28. LYSSY, CYNTHIA	45. SUCHAN, CAROL
12. DOMINGUEZ, BRENDA	29. MCCARTAN, BELLE	46. SULLIVAN, SCOTT
13. DYKES, MARIA	30. MCCORQUODALE, JANET "LISA"	47. SYKES, ERNESTINE
14. EILAND, RACHEL	31. MILLER, GERMAINE	48. TAYLOR, JACQUELINE "JACKIE"
15. FEALY, JAMES	32. MONCADA, JUAN	49. THOMPSON, JOANN
16. FISHER, RAND	33. MOTT, ROBERT "KEITH"	
17. FOX, VIRGINIA "GINNY"	34. ODVODY, DALE	

Recognition Drawings: August 5+ hours: **Karen Brkich** September Door Prize: **Selena Palomares**

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Guadalupe County Master Gardeners
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Serving Texas' Needs



Education Director Report
September 10, 2026

Karen Koepp
2025 GCMG, Education Director

Education Hours Snapshot of August 2026 (159 Certified Members)

18% have "0" hours – 28 Members
9% have "0.25-2.25" hours – 14 Members
10% have "2.5-5.75" hours – 16 Members
4% have "6-9.75" hours – 23 Members
49% have "10+" hours – 78 Members

If you need CE hours check out our website under the "Continuing Education" tab for a variety of educational opportunities and then make sure to input your hours in VMS. ☺

LUNCH & LEARNS

October 2026

AgriLife Building, Seguin, October 14, 12:00 pm. - 1:00 pm.
Kitchen Herbs for Cool Weather. Presented by Karen Brkich
Admin: Belle McCartan
Fall is a wonderful time to grow fresh herbs indoors or in containers. Learn which herbs thrive in cooler weather, how to keep them healthy, and simple ways to harvest and enjoy them all season long.

Schertz Public Library October 10, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.
Herb Propagation. Presented by April Rippel
Admin: Kathleen Smith
Propagating herbs is a simple, cost-effective way to grow fresh plants from cuttings, divisions, or seeds. Popular herbs like basil, mint, rosemary, and oregano can quickly produce new growth when given the right light, moisture, and care. Herb propagation supports sustainable gardening, reduces waste, and provides a continuous supply of flavorful, aromatic plants for cooking and wellness.

Seguin Public Library October 10, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.
Native Plants presented by Kathy Carroll
Discover how native plants can bring beauty, wildlife, and seasonal interest to your landscape. Learn which native plants shine in the fall—and how they can create a healthier, more sustainable garden year-round.

ADVANCED TRAINING: Native Plants - Texas Master Gardener Program

This is the initial offering of this Advanced Training, and we expect it to fill quickly.

November 12 – November 13, 2026
Registration: $200

The Master Gardener Advanced Training: Native Plants builds skills in native plant ecology, stewardship, and community education through expert instruction and hands-on learning.

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- Explain the benefits of native plants for wildlife, water conservation, and soil health.
- Identify and recommend Texas natives suited to local ecoregions and residential landscapes.
- Promote sustainable, biodiversity-focused landscape practices.
- Apply responsible stewardship practices, including invasive species management and sustainable maintenance.
- Share native plant knowledge through community education and outreach.

Agent approval is required: Agents must approve each attendee's registration, with a maximum of two participants per county.

Additional service requirement: Participants must complete 20 additional volunteer service hours, beyond the annual certification requirement, using the knowledge gained through this training to educate others within the program and their communities.

Please Note that the beginning gardening Fall Session has been canceled.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please check with the listed point of contact before showing up.
Times and days may change at any time due to a number of reasons.

Mondays & Fridays

Marion Veterans Community Garden
100 W Huebinger St., Marion

M: 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
F: 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

This is an open park and always needs weeds pulled. Once you know what needs to be done, you would be able to work any time or day that is convenient for your schedule.

Contact Carol Suchan
210-870-4880 or email
ladywithdonkey@yahoo.com
or Anne Ottenad
210-860-3636 or email
Ron.anneottenad@Gmail.com



Wednesdays

MG Office/Library/Seed Exchange
210 E. Live Oak, AgriLife Bldg., Seguin

2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Volunteers are always needed.

Please visit
https://guadalupecountymastergardeners.org/

Contact David Koepp at
dhkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com or Karen Koepp at kkoepp.gcmg@gmail.com or text Ernestine Sykes at 210-544-0756
The office number is 830-379-1972

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & 2nd Saturdays

Ron Pedde Community Garden
1017 Town Creek Road, Cibolo

For all work days and times,
please contact Rachel Eiland
Text 757-513-2842 or email
rachel.eiland@outlook.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays

Gutierrez Park
1231 Borgfeld Rd, Schertz

9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

For times and volunteer opportunities, contact Maria Dykes at 210-792-1603 or email mariaq75@gmail.com

Wednesdays

St Andrew's Community Garden
The corner of Nolte & Crocket St., Seguin

9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Weeding, planting, edging and whatever else needs to be done.

Please text Ernestine Sykes at 210-544-0756

Fridays

Big Red Barn
250 Cordova Road, Seguin

Start times:
7:30 a.m. (Summer)
8:15 a.m. (Winter)

Contact Janice Knobles
210-275-4402 or email
jmknobles@yahoo.com

Tuesdays & Fridays

Guadalupe County Demonstration Garden
1101 Elbel Road, Schertz
(behind the County Annex Building)

8:00 a.m. until 11.00. a.m.

Contact Ann Odvody
210-994-9664 or email
odvodyd@swbell.net
(Always in need of help)

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Seguin, TX 78155

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If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or a loss of a family member, please send an email to: GCMGTX@gmail.com.

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